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Senate Fish and Game Committee
Mister Chairman and Committee Member,

My name is Roy Campbell and my wife Lisa and I own and operate a Taxidermy shop in Lewistown Montana. This letter is to inform people how the restrictions of Elk archery permits in our area has affected our business. We relocated to the Lewistown area in 2002 and opened our shop that fall. The following years proved to be successful and provided our family with a comfortable living. Our business consisted of 70% out of state clients. In our 2012 hunting season our out of state clients have dropped to 15%. Of these clients 80% had Deer tags and 20% had Elk tags. Even though the population of Elk in our area flourish.

Due to the restrictions on the Archery Elk tags in our area we have been reduced from a viable full time business to a part time shop. Because of this lose of business I have been forced to seek employment out of state to provide for my family. This has lead to a huge burden on my family due to me being away from home. It not only affected my business but other Taxidermist in our area and across the state.

Our local economy has suffered as well. Before the loss of tags all of our Lewistown Motels were full. Restaurants, Gas Stations, Sporting Goods, Gift Shops all anticipated the hunting season to help boost our local economy. In 2012, Lewistown looked like a Ghost town due to the lack of hunters.

My self as well as other small business owners in the Lewistown community would encourage you to pass SB-151. Lets work together to provide a outcome that will benefit our great state of Montana.

Sincerely,

Roy & Lisa Campbell